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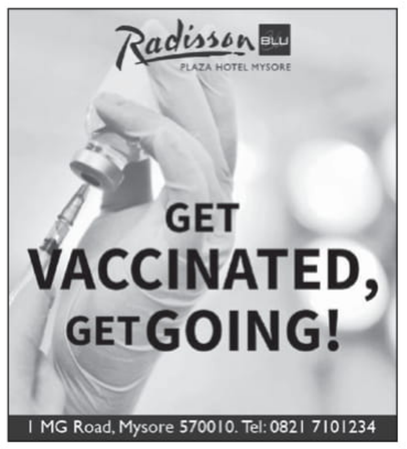

UoM fake answer sheet racket

Kingpin Arrested

Mysuru CCB Police nab accused in Bengaluru; spread dragnet to nab one more mastermind

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&BCT)- The kingpin of the fake answer script racket of B.Sc Chemistry question paper (2020-21) being run under the very nose of the University of Mysore (UoM) has been arrested in Bengaluru by the Mysuru City Crime Branch (CCB) Police.

The racket was being run from a lodge in the city to enable certain failed students to clear backlog Chemistry papers. It is the same racket that was exposed and subsequently allegedly hushed up by the Mandi Police for which Inspector Narayanaswamy and two Constables have been suspended, pending inquiry.

CCB sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the prime accused Mohammad Nissar was arrested from his hideout in Bengaluru and he was evading arrest till now. Lockdown restrictions helped him to not come under the Police radar.

Nissar is the Second Division Assistant at Maharani's Science College — an examination centre of the University — and he had taken away the keys of the shelves where the answer scripts are stored. He has been produced before the Magistrate and has been handed over to 4-day CCB custody for interrogation.

Three arrested so far

With his arrest, the number of persons arrested in the racket has gone up to three. Another mastermind in the racket is Rakesh, who is the coordinator of META-I firm from Bengaluru that had got the outsourced contract of conducting the University examinations. Rakesh is still absconding and the Police have spread a dragnet to nab him.

Mohammad Nissar was assigned the responsibility of conducting the Varsity examinations at the Maharani's College and he had the access to the safe locker where the answer scripts are stored. Chethan and Chandan, who are in judicial custody now, had not cleared their backlog B.Sc Chemistry papers since the last two years and as their re-examination centre was Maharani's College, they had approached Nissar for help.

Access to shelves

The *modus operandi* is to take blank answer scripts of absentee students and re-purpose the same with answer scripts that were written in the names of Chandan and Chethan. The papers were written at the lodge on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road. As Nissar had access to the shelves, he used to conveniently replace the answer scripts (written in the exam centre) with freshly written ones, the Police said.

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To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Half a Century of Non-Performing Governance of India ! –1"*** **—Ed**

Cybercrime surges in city amidst lockdown

2,150 cases reported since the last one-and-a-half-years

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, June 29- Cybercrime in the city has surged amidst Coronavirus lockdown and a closer examination in the jump in cybercrime reveals that criminals have proven effective at exploiting the ongoing crisis.

Since the last one-and-a-half-years, 2,150 cybercrime cases have been reported in Mysuru city alone and complaints have been filed. In the year 2020, 1,300 cases have been filed and this year, till date, 850 online fraud complaints have been registered. Data reveals that over 40 percent of the cases have been settled. Spike in cybercrimes and attacks has targeted private citizens' wallets and personal data given the sharp increase in the percentage of the professional workforce remotely working as a result of lockdown. This despite the fact that the Police emphasising that one should not share their personal information or credentials with unknown people out of some temptation or for monetary benefits.

City Cybercrime Police Inspector G. Shekhar *(sitting extreme left)* ***along with staff tracking the antecedents of cyber criminals at his office in Ashokapuram this morning.***

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'Golden Hour crucial'

"Many of the times victims don't report the crime as it happens. Criminals are attacking people with UPI frauds now instead of asking for your credit card and debit card details and the CVV number. Like in the medical field, here too the principle of 'Golden Hour' is important. If you report the crime instantly, we can block these accounts and there are high chances of getting your money back. The more you delay, the likelihood of getting your money decreases. Ideally, the complaint must be filed within 45 minutes of the crime."

—G. Shekhar, Cybercrime Police Inspector

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 29th June 2021

Selected for Dr. B.C. Roy Award

Dr. Sharath Kumar

Mysuru, June 29 - Marking National Doctors' Day, City's Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation, Vidyaranyapuram in association with Hoysala Karnataka Sangha, Narayana Shastri Road, has organised a function at Sangha premises on July 1 at 11 am.

Dr. B.C. Roy Sadbhavana Award will be conferred on renowned Gynaecologist and Obstetrician Dr. C. Sharath Kumar on the occasion. Retired Medical Officer Dr. D. Thimmaiah will inaugurate the event.

Social worker Dr. K. Raghu-ram Vajpayee will preside. Sangha President K.R. Sathyanarayana, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director S.E. Girish, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal and Founder-President of Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation M.V. Nagendra Babu will be present on the occasion.

Nominated for Dronacharya Award

B.J. Kariappa

Madikeri, June 29 - Hockey India on Saturday announced the nomination of National Junior Coach Bollepanda J. Kariappa for the prestigious Dronacharya Award. Over the last several years, Hockey Coach Kariappa has been part of Indian Hockey coaching team and currently serving as Indian Junior Coach. His name was nominated for the prestigious award last year also. The award will be presented on Aug. 29, the birthday of Hockey wizard Dhyan Chand.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Does loving someone and being in a relationship with them give one a right over them? Can you love someone and care for them without wanting to somehow control or hold them and without needing them to have such a hold over us? Many times, in relationships, we see people really blending into each other. Relationships where everyone is secure in themselves and in their attachment may not really care at all whether there is such an open access. In fact, even if there were any concerns such as some gossip about one person in the relationship flirting with someone else, or sudden absences from the relationship, people in secure relationships will more likely reach out to each other directly and talk about it openly, without necessarily needing to even ask for access so there could be verification. Even where such access is given as a way of proof, one might not take it up and dive right into it, but stay with holding the person accountable for their behaviour. What it means is that if the person you are connecting with gives you rights to all their personal matters as a gift of love and expects the same from you as a proof of your love, you might just want to take a step back and ask if this is really love at all. True love seeks to celebrate each other, not control each other. — *Mahesh Natarajan in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Azerbaijan's mysterious fairy castle

Azerbaijan: At the foot of the Caucasus Mountains in northwest Azerbaijan, lies Parigala, one of the world's most impressive archeological mysteries. Carved into the nearly vertical face of a rock cliff, the centuries-old structure remains a mystery that hardly anyone knows anything about.

The idea that an amazing site like Parigala (literally 'Fairy Castle' in Azerbaijani) is one of Azerbaijan's lesser-known archeological treasures baffles the mind. That has to do both with the country's still underdeveloped tourism industry, and the fact that you need to go off the beaten path to reach Parigala. That fits the general theme of the place, which is inaccessibility, but still, hopping into a four-wheel drive vehicle to navigate the narrow tracks leading up to it, then climbing up a very slippery slope to a steep, leaf-covered and forested hillside just to reach the cliff it's carved into, is definitely not for everyone.

UK's first 'paw-bearer' and funeral therapy dog

London: Basil, a 11-year-old Beagle, has a starring role as a 'Comfort Companion' at Clive Pugh Funeral Directors in Shrewsbury, sitting beside grieving families when they make funeral plans, accompanying mourners to the chapel of rest while they visit their loved ones and even attending funerals in churches and crematoriums.

His owner Rosalinda says he has a special sense of what is needed when people are suffering from the loss of a loved one and since he's been working as a therapy dog for the last five years, has helped comfort hundreds of grieving families going through difficult times.

This kind of support is vital and families often remark on how helpful having Basil has been for them.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Exclusive breast feeding till 6 months and continuing to breastfeed babies(in addition to starting and increasing on complementary feeds) till 2 years goes a long way in protecting your baby.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

The Nurses' Health Study that followed over 72,000 women for 10 years revealed that those who ate a single serving of lettuce or other leafy green vegetable daily cut their risk of hip fracture in half, as compared to eating one serving of leafy greens per week.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 27	JUNE 28
Day's Positive Cases	478	282
Total Positive Cases	1,65,510	1,65,792
Day's Discharges	660	576
Total Discharges	1,58,712	1,59,288
Day's Deaths	15	8
Total Deaths	2,145	2,153
Total Active Cases	4,653	4,351

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Chosen for Rangapuraskara

Uthappa

Belliappa

Gonikoppa, June 29- Artistes Cheppudira Uthappa of Ponnampet and Madetira Belliappa have been selected for C.G. Krishnaswamy Rangapuraskara, instituted by Kodagu Rangabhoomi Pratishtana, in recognition of their services to the field of theatre.

The award will be presented to the artistes after lifting of lockdown, according to a release from Pratishtana Convenor Addanda Anitha Cariappa.

REALLY...?

- *Hair bows were first made in the 18th century.*
- *Men before used to wear hair bows in the 18th century just like girls.*
- *Ariana Grande is A HUGE bow fan.*
- *The most likely colour for hair bows is pink.*
- *In Europe in the second half of the 18th century, most men wore their hair long and tied back with a ribbon into what we would now describe as a ponytail.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

When I applied for Australian citizenship, the interviewer asked, ***"Do you have a criminal record?"***

Somewhat surprised, I replied, ***"No, is that still a requirement?!"***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.93
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.21
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.43

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Mysore's healthcare history

Sir,

This refers to Gouri Satya's article titled ***"Steeped in healthcare history since 1922"*** (*SOM* dated June 26) which has kindled my pleasant memories of Dr. Yoga Pandit, Dr. Kumar Pandit, Dr. Narahari Pandit, Professor of Statistics as well as Ayurvedic Doctor and Lalithamma (grand-children of S.N. Pandit) and their much obliging families who were well-known to all their contemporaries in Mysore and outside also for their kind gestures and hospitality.

They were running and maintaining the Ayurvedic Factory, Dispensary and distribution of medicines simultaneously despite the scarcity of ingredients and withstanding so many odds without compromising on quality and quantity.

Ready-to-use handy Ayurvedic medicines like Maha Talisadi Churna, Sitopaladi Churna, Sarsaparilla, Chavana Prasha etc., are still used in many households for particular ailments and general health without any side-effects as no chemicals are used in preparation even to this day.

When we used to visit Mysore Ayurvedic Pharmacy at Lansdowne building, with lot of respect and affection they used to receive us with hygienic fruit salad and juices from nearby 'Phalamruta.'

Sometimes Dr. Yoga Pandit has attended to medical emergencies of the needy and those unable to move out of their houses in odd hours with his friends like Dr. Govinda Rao.

With or even without any valid reasons like connecting gas to their factory, Ayudha Puja, Anniversary, Dhanvanthri Jayanthi, starting of their new factory etc., we were cordially invited to their premises for a sumptuous lunch.

They served jamoon, which looked like jamoon but made out of 'bettada nellikayi' (wild gooseberry) for health and taste. Many a time we were invited for 'dosa' festival, preparing so many mouth-watering varieties of 'dosas' of our choice and likings.

Dr. Kumar Pandit initiated Mulakanadu Sabha, Mysore, rendering yeomen service, conducting many healthy social events like Dhatri Havana, Thyagaraja Aradhane etc., to bring the society together followed by delicious lunch.

He encouraged the young talents by giving a stage, conducting competitions in sports, Sanskrit recitations, classical music, both instrumental and vocal, awarding prizes and honouring meritorious students securing high percentage.

—Dr. M. Shyam Prasad

K.M.Puram 28.6.2021

Obituary

Alhaj M.C. Munnavar Pasha Ashrafi

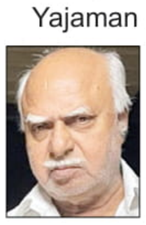
Mysuru, June 29- Alhaj M.C. Munnavar Pasha Ashrafi (70), retired JK Tyre employee, Secretary of Ghousianagar Khabrasthan and a resident of Bada Makan, near Tipu Circle, passed away in the wee hours of today at a hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds, near Tipu Circle this morning, according to sources.

Yajaman B. Narayana

Yajaman B. Narayana (76), proprietor of Chandrika Brick Factory at Hootagalli, passed away yesterday night in city.



He leaves behind his wife, three daughters including Hootagalli Gram Panchayat Member Chandrika Suresh, one son, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hootagalli this noon.

Antony Swamy

Antony Swamy (Hotel Mani), a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city. He was 77. He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Belavadi Cemetery this morning.

Melukote

Melukote, retired K.R. Hospital employee and a resident of T. Narasipur Road, opposite Teresian College, passed away on June 27 in city.

He leaves behind his wife Mahadevamma, four sons including Vairamudi, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon.

Review Property Tax system to make it fool-proof: MGP

Properties like Kuvempu's house 'Udaya Ravi' in V.V. Mohalla is taxed for setback areas. Ironically, this house was constructed 74 to 75 years back with the then construction practices and rules.

Mysuru, June 29 (BCT)- The present system of Property Tax levied by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is flawed and immediate remedial measures have to be taken to streamline the tax system into a fool-proof one for the convenience of the public, said the city-based NGO Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP).

In a statement to the media, the MGP has stated that the Property Tax system implemented for the current year must be reviewed entirely keeping in view the shortcomings of the system.

Buttressing its arguments with certain facts and point of arguments, the MGP has stated that in the current assessment of Property Tax, it is observed that the MCC has not followed the prescribed parameters while enhancing the taxes. Some of them are as follows:

1. Uniform Tax rates are not being followed while assessing the tax component for residential houses and apartments.

2. From 2008 onwards up to 2020-21 Property Tax demand was computed on 2008-09 guidance value issued by the Inspector General of Stamps and Registrations, Bengaluru, at rates of 0.6 percent to 0.9131 percent at 15 percent hike in each block period of three years. 50 percent of the Guidance Value was considered for assessment of Capital Value as per Section 45B of Karnataka Municipality Act of 1976.

3. For 2021-22, tax-payers noticed that Guidance Value has changed to a large extent from over Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,300 to Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,200 per sq.ft. in different roads of each Mohalla or Zone or Ward.

4. Karnataka Gazette Notification about the review of Guidance Value and the date of effect is not made available to the tax-payers, in the absence of which the public are not aware of the parameters under which the enhancement is made.

5. Date of resolution of the MCC Council on the above revised Guidance Value and introduction of new taxes is not notified to the public.

6. Copies of the detailed guidelines about application on new Guidance Value and assessment for educating the public should be made available at all the Zonal Offices.

7. Land appurtenant to the house is taxed. Capital Value of houses on independent plots is assessed on the following terms:

a) Area occupied by the plinth with guidance value of the locality

b) Built up plinth area in each floor at guidance value for type of construction per sq.ft.

c) Land appurtenant of the plinth area in excess of 1,000 sq.ft.

Heritage properties like Kuvempu's house 'Udaya Ravi' in V.V. Mohalla is taxed for setback areas. Ironically, this house was constructed 74 to 75 years back with the then construction practices and rules.

Hitherto three times the plinth area was permitted as open area around the house to promote greenery and had not been taxed for the land around the plinth area. But the present tax planning authority has stipulated different setbacks depending on the area of plot and width of road etc.

For houses with larger areas like 50x80, 90x110, 100x200, larger setback areas all around are specified and taxed accordingly as per the latest order. This will send a wrong message, discouraging taxpayers with large open spaces who have already planted trees and raised landscape gardens, forcing them to go for extension of buildings increasing the carbon footprint, the MGP has stated.

It is also observed that clear guidelines are not found in any of the Zones with regard to assessment of tax for car parking areas in houses and apartments (cellars), (live case in Ward 18, Zone 4) where assessments have not been made for the past three years as 50 percent of value of flat/plinth area is not considered, as per practice in Bengaluru and guidelines of the Government. In the guidance notification for Bengaluru city and Ramanagara districts, clear guidelines are issued for assessment area and computation of Property Tax and Cess.

Walk-in-interview for Biologist at Zoo

Mysuru, June 29- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) will engage Biologist purely on Contract basis. Walk-in-interview for the selection of suitable candidate is scheduled on July 8 at 11 am at the office of the Zoo Executive Director. Interested candidates below 28 years and having M.Sc in 'Forestry/ Wildlife Management/ Zoology/ Applied Zoology' can participate in the walk-in-interview along with supporting documents. Candidates with experience in the field will be given preference, according to a press release from the Zoo.

NEWS BRIEFS

Renew Membership by July 30: DYES

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) has instructed all Youth Council members, registered in the Department, in the age group of 15 to 35 years to renew their membership before July 30, as per the Co-Operative Society Act. For details, contact Office of the Assistant Director, DYES, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium or call Ph: 0821-2564179.

Postal Adalat on June 30

To address the grievances of people and invite suggestions from the public, the Department of Posts has organised a divisional level 'Dak (Postal) Adalat' at the office of the Senior Superintendent of Posts in Yadavagiri at 11 am on June 30. People can send their written complaints to Yadavagiri Post Office before June 28, according to a press release from the Superintendent of Posts, Mysuru Division.

Final voter list released

With the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Taluk Panchayat (TP) polls scheduled to take place this year, the State Election Commission (SEC) has released the final voter list for all nine taluks of Mysuru district, which are available at Taluk Offices, according to a press release from Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	**124.80**	feet
Today	:	**93.68**	feet
Yesterday	:	**94.18**	feet
Inflow	:	**2,691**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**6,417**	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,284.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,275.72**	feet
Inflow	:	**1,262**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**700**	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,840.82**	feet
Inflow	:	**495**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**80**	cusecs

Herd of sheep enters into private farm land

Land owner beats up shepherd boy, ties him to a tree at Belagola

Srirangapatna, June 29 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A land owner allegedly beat up a shepherd boy and one of his relatives for allowing sheep to enter his farm land besides tying up the shepherd boy to a tree and harassing him.

The incident took place in KRS Police limits in the taluk yesterday and the land owner, who is accused of this inhuman act, is Harsha of Belagola village in the taluk.

A group of shepherds from Sira, had come with their flock of sheep and were staying in Belagola. As a few sheep entered the farm land of Harsha, some shepherds including the boy, entered the farm land to chase the sheep back. But Harsha, caught hold of the boy for trespassing into his property, tied him up to a tree and beat him up.

A few people, who heard the screams of the boy, came to the spot only to see the boy tied to a tree and being beaten up and immediately informed the Police, who rushed to the spot and rescued the boy.

The Police, who have registered a case of atrocity on the accused, are investigating.

Three arrested for killing man and throwing the body into lake

Periyapatna, June 29- Periyapatna Police have arrested three persons including the owner of a scrap shop on charges of killing a man and disposing his body into a lake.

The deceased is Uday (34) of K.M. Layout in the town. The arrested are Fayaz Ahmed, who was running a scrap shop near old Mahadeshwara Tent, scrap shop employee Puttaranga and Syed Jaleel, who used to sell scrap items to the shop.

Deceased Uday and Syed Jaleel used to collect scrap items, sell them to the scrap shop of Fayaz and sleep there. On last Monday night, a fight broke out between Uday and Jaleel for petty reasons and in a fit of rage, Jaleel dropped a huge stone on Uday's head and killed him. Jaleel then had kept the body behind the shop.

Shop owner Fayaz, who came to the shop the next day morning, saw blood in the shop and questioned Jaleel who revealed about the killing. Fayaz, along with Jaleel and Puttaranga, took the body in a gunny bag and threw it into Arasinakere Lake.

Periyapatna Police, who found the body of Uday floating in the lake on Friday, shifted it to the mortuary and had registered a case.

During investigation, the Police came to know that the body was that of Uday, who was residing at K.M. Layout in the town.

Continuing their investigation, the Police took Fayaz, Puttaranga and Jaleel into their custody and on interrogating them, the three are said to have revealed about the incident besides telling the Police that they had threw the body into the lake.

All the three accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to Judicial custody.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Chethan, Additional SP Shivakumar, Dy.SP Raviprasad guided Hunsur Inspector Jagadish, Sub-Inspector Sadashiva Thippareddy, ASIs Jayaramegowda and Chikkanaika and staff Antony Cruz, Aslam Pasha, Satish, Raveesh, Gavigowda, Kumaraswamy, Habibulla, Prakash, Mahadev, Ananth, Rajarathnam, Ganesh and Basheer took part in the nabbing operation.

Man stabs brother-in-law to death for harassing his sister

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&KS)- A man has allegedly stabbed his brother-in-law to death for harassing his sister daily for money to consume liquor. The incident took place on Sunday night at Koorgalli in the taluk.

The deceased is Kempashetty (40) and the accused is Kendaganna Shetty, who has been arrested by Vijayanagar Police.

Kempashetty had married Kendaganna Shetty's sister Shashirekha 10 years ago. Kempashetty, who used to work as a labourer for a living used to physically harass his wife daily for money to consume liquor. Though Shashirekha's parents and village elders had advised him many times to mend his ways, Kempashetty continued with his habit.

On Sunday night, Kempashetty, who came home heavily drunk, began to beat Shashirekha. Kendaganna Shetty, who came to know about this, went to his sister's house at about 10 pm and reportedly stabbed his brother-in-law. Kempashetty, who was profusely bleeding, was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

Vijayanagar Inspector Balakrishna, who has registered a case, has arrested Kendaganna Shetty and has taken Shashirekha and Ramesh, who were at the spot of crime, for enquiry.

The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar and other Police personnel visited the spot.

GP Member falls from bike, dies

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&KS)- A member of Alanahalli Gram Panchayat (GP) was killed while another sustained serious injuries, when the bike on which they were travelling skidded on Gaddige Road yesterday.

While deceased has been identified as Swamaiah (42), a resident of Gangadahosahalli in H.D. Kote, the injured has been identified as Venkatesh, who has been admitted to a private hospital in city. The two were proceeding on Gaddige Road towards Mysuru, when the rider lost control of the bike at a turning near Kumarabeedu and skidded. Swamaiah, who was riding pillion, sustained serious head injuries and breathed his last on the spot while Venkatesh, who sustained serious injuries, is admitted to a hospital in city.

Yelwal Police shifted the body of Swamaiah to MMC&RI mortuary and the body was handed over to the family members after post-mortem was performed.

Former ZP President's son commits suicide

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&KS)- A 23-year-old youth, said to be mentally depressed, allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at his house yesterday afternoon.

The deceased is Pruthvin, son of former ZP President Kadakola Nagaraj and a resident of Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar. It is learnt that Pruthvin was depressed over some issue and yesterday, when his mother had gone out, committed suicide by hanging self to the ceiling fan at the house. Ashokapuram Inspector Prakash and staff, visited the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

Post-mortem was conducted today and the body was handed over to the family members.

'Misled' farmers descend on M.G. Road Market with produces; vacate after cops intervene

Mysuru, June 29 (MK&SSV)- Hundreds of fruit and vegetable vendors descended on M.G. Road Vegetable Market situated behind the Dasara Exhibition Grounds here yesterday despite lockdown.

This created confusion for some time with farmers and traders occupying the market yard with their produces. The District Administration had temporarily suspended activities at M.G. Road Market and Dasara Expo Grounds and had shifted it to APMC Yard in Bandipalya on Nanjangud Road due to increase in Corona positive cases. After the Government relaxed lockdown rules, farmers presumed that permission had been given to do business at M.G. Road Market and came there with vegetables and fruits.

After the receipt of information, Krishnaraja and Siddarthanagar Police came to the spot and successfully convinced farmers and traders to shift their business to APMC Yard. Farmers said they were told at APMC that they were permitted to resume trade at M.G. Road Market. So they engaged the goods vehicles to bring their produces to the Market. "Now, who will bear the transport cost?" they asked.

DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham said farmers have been permitted to do trading at APMC in view of pandemic. "I will talk to MCC Commissioner to know who misled the farmers and take appropriate action," he added.

OPEN FLOWER MARKET

"People are dependent on Devaraja Market for fruits, flowers and vegetables. But this market has been closed since last two months causing hardship to wholesale and retail flower vendors. Now, we are selling flowers at Gandhi Square but not even 10 percent of customers are coming.

In Devaraja Market, 20 percent of traders are into wholesale business and over 60 percent are into retail business. Most of the flower vendors across the city used to buy flowers from Devaraja Market. Now, even farmers were incurring huge losses with no buyers. If we bring two tons of fruits, not even one ton is sold. The District Administration must allow the re-opening of Devaraja Market at the earliest.

— N. Manjunath, Gayatri Flower Stall, Devaraja Market

Flight services from city resume on a positive note

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&BCT)- With the aviation industry being one of the most affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, they are slowly coming back to rule the skies, but with limited destinations. Flights are operating from Mysore Airport at Mandakalli stage-by-stage.

Air traffic bottomed out as the second wave of the virus struck and now airlines have also seen ticket bookings increasing, hopefully kicking off another recovery for the beleaguered industry. From Mysuru, TruJet, Alliance Air and Indigo have started operating flights and encouragingly, there is 40 to 45 percent occupancy.

Also, as the lockdown has been relaxed at destinations, it has become easy for the operators to design a schedule. Flights to Goa, Kochi and Bengaluru have started already and in the Goa-Hyderabad sector alternate day flights are being operated.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath said that from July 1, Mysuru-Chennai sector will be opened up and TruJet is making

preparations in this regard. “Once the lockdown is eased, we will operate more flights and also as planned before the pandemic, more new destinations will be added to the Mysuru flight map,” he said.

Flight frequency and occupation rates will pick up once the IT sector too opens along with the tourism sector where more and more people travel to religious destinations, Manjunath added.

FLIGHT MEAL SYSTEM

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Ministry has regulated in-flight meal distribution norms. Airlines that have a duration of fewer than 2 hours will not serve meals to their passengers. Since last year, after airlines resumed service post the lockdown and they were allowed to serve meals to passengers with some conditions and health guidelines. The Ministry modified this with the new order.

The fresh directive goes as, "The airlines, operating flights on domestic sectors, may provide meals services on board, where the in-flight duration is two hours or more". The Ministry stated it has decided to review the on-board meal services in domestic flights considering "the increasing threat of COVID-19 and its variants."

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Half a Century of Non-Performing Governance of India ! –1

A couple of weeks back I was talking to R. Chandra Prakash, a former Professor in Manasagangothri and later the Registrar of Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, who was also the former President of the NGO Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP). He mentioned that he was reading an interesting book ***"Portraits of Power - Half a Century of being at Ringside"*** by **N.K. Singh, IAS (Nand Kishore Singh),** who served in Delhi in many offices ending up as a Rajya Sabha MP.

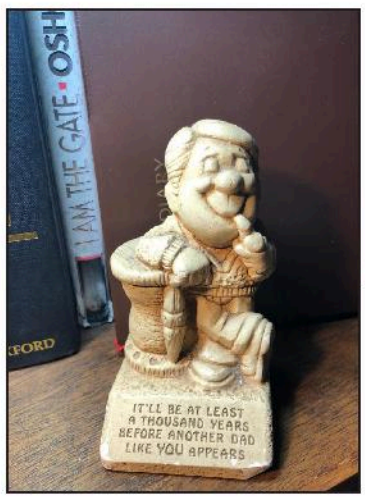
I got the book per Amazon in the next couple of days and finished it reading last Saturday. It was a good reading for me being a journalist during the author's period in office.

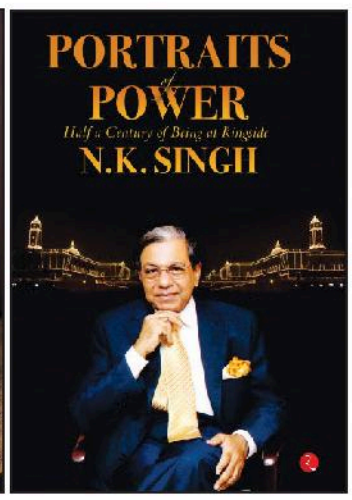
It is less an autobiography and more a self-admiration of assumed great performance as a civil servant in the Central Government for decades under different Prime Ministers. Reading the book, I was reminded of what Professor John Kenneth Galbraith of Harvard University, who was the American Ambassador in India during the Kennedy era, had said of books:

"Books can be broken broadly into two classes: Those written to please the readers and those written for the greater pleasure of the writer. Subject to numerous and distinguished exceptions, the second class is rightly suspect and specially if the writer himself appears in the story."

Well, in this book the writer himself, perforce, appears in the story. In fact, it is his story of glory! Full of I, me and myself. There was nothing negative about so many individuals who pass through the pages like shadows of ghosts while the author appears like a knight in shining armour. Born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth, into a zamindar's family in Bihar (origin traced to Rajasthan) his father, an ICS Officer of the Raj days, transiting into free India, indeed a lucky person to the manor born.

In the 18th century (1770) his ancestors migrated from Rajasthan to Bihar following a marriage alliance. N.K. Singh's maternal grandfather Beer Narayan Chand was a celebrated zamindar and popular with the farmers that even Mahatma Gandhi thought it was a good idea having this family on his side as it would give a 'major fillip' to the agitation against the British. He was a member of the Bihar Legislative Council for many years.





Here is an interesting episode narrated in the book which shows how wealthy a zamindar N.K. Singh's maternal grandfather was. Once he was driving Jawaharlal Nehru in his old Pontiac car around Purnea and the adjoining districts. Nehru enquired to whom those tracts of land belonged. The zamindar said it belonged to him. Nehru then fell into sleep. After one hour Nehru woke up and asked the same question and received the same answer. Apparently Nehru was surprised that a zamindar could hold so much of land.

Of course, Nehru got the Bihar Government to pass the Land Reforms Act 1950 to abolish the zamindari etc. I was left wondering that but for this incident the pernicious system of feudal zamindari, jagirdari, inamdari etc., of the era of Muslim rule and of the Hindu Rajas would have continued for some more years in India. Who knows!

And this Land Reforms Law was not passed in all the States, all over India. I think in Karnataka we needed Devaraja Urs as Chief Minister to deal with this feudal legacy. I also wonder why Vinobha Bhave's Bhoodan Movement (a movement for voluntary surrendering of land) was needed when the democratic government itself could have passed proper laws to undo this evil of individuals holding vast tracts of agricultural land. And imagine much of the land thus given voluntarily was mostly barren, uncultivable land, according to reports of those days.

The author also says, with some pride, that his grandfather gave several hundred bighas (acres) of land as donations to the Bhoodan Movement!

The author's father Tribhuvan Prasad Singh (T.P. Singh) was an ICS Officer. When his father returned to India from London he underwent a **purification ritual** before being accepted back into society. Hindu society!

N.K. Singh's father T.P. Singh had six children — two sons and four daughters. Two daughters became IAS Officers, one an MP and another married to an IPS Officer. While N.K. Singh himself became an IAS Officer, the other brother became an MP.

It is indeed amazing, nay a miracle, the whole family had monopolised a part of India's bureaucratic and political space. Coming from such a background, the author of the book N.K. Singh had every opportunity to rise in the bureaucratic hierarchy and be in the creamy layer of the India's political and bureaucratic elite.

By the way, his mother was a Congress MP who died in 1989 and her son (Uday) became the MP from BJP for two successive terms from Purnea, his mother's Constituency. Thus N.K. Singh's family is also politically strong being good to Congress and BJP — a feat indeed, apart from such huge favours from providence. **I do not think in the whole country there is any family with such abundance of bureaucratic and political blessings as that of N.K. Singh's.**

This sentiment of blessings takes the reader to the world of superstition too. N.K. Singh writes of how at Rajiv Gandhi's request his mother had to vacate her House No. 4, Circular Road, allotted to her by Mrs. Indira Gandhi and proved lucky, to Giani Zail Singh who was not renominated as the President of India and was looking for a house. His choice fell on this house and his wish was granted.

N.K. Singh writes: *"The new house did not prove auspicious for us, though. We lost many family members while residing there, including my mother, leaving behind a superstition."*

The next chapter 2 is all about "my father"; nowhere could I find his father's name T.P. Singh. (The surname Singh with initials is so confusing for one like me to remember — is it T.P. Singh, K.N. Singh, N.S. Singh or L.P. Singh? And then is it a Sardarji Singh, Punjabi Singh, Rajasthani Singh, UP Singh or MP Singh. Gosh!). He, as a good son, showers his father with encomiums no end.

Remembered: On my birthday my younger son sent a marble statuette with an inscription: **IT'LL BE AT LEAST A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE ANOTHER DAD LIKE YOU APPEARS** *(see picture)*.

In this chapter what roused my interest was what he (N.K. Singh) had written about the encounter his father (T.P. Singh) had with that iconic figure of Indian administration, the Founder of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the Mother Dairy, in short the Amul Milk Dairy **Dr. Verghese Kurien.** N.K. Singh quotes from Kurien's book *"I Too Had a Dream,"* which says how political and bureaucratic interference stymied innovative decisions within the bureaucratic system.

N.K. Singh writes: "In a meeting with *my father* as Agriculture Secretary, Kurien mentioned that some of his (T.P. Singh's) colleagues, particularly the Joint Secretary and the Director in the Ministry, had sent a file of complaints to the Ministry of Law and Justice against Dr. Kurien, stating that he was erroneously heading both the NDDB and the Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC), which was illegal" (as per legal opinion).

Dr. Kurien recounts: "I stood up and told T.P. Singh that if this were the case, I would submit my resignation immediately from both NDDB as well as IDC.

"He (T.P. Singh) looked at me and said, I have not yet finished, so please sit down. I do not know why my officers are doing such destructive work. We — this Ministry — made Dr. Kurien Chairman of the NDDB. This Ministry then went ahead and made him Chairman of the IDC and now this same Ministry starts a file saying this is 'illegal.' It is like a woman calling her own son bastard; This is absolutely terrible.

"The Joint Secretary and the Director (who were apparently present) were visibly flustered and nervous at their Secretary's (T.P. Singh's) outburst... 'I know you fellows well. Now this file will remain here and only I will handle it. You are not to touch this file'."

This extraordinary son, N.K. Singh, then in the same context writes about his father T.P. Singh, 'So Dr. Kurien we have won,' said this **extraordinary** bureaucrat (T.P. Singh).

"You see, what these fellows do not understand is that legal opinion is merely an opinion. It is not the law."

Hellow, do our politicians and bureaucrats who often take 'legal opinions,' hear this? I have found many heads of organisations taking this route of 'legal opinion' to fool the dissenters and the members. This kind of legal opinion also enables or facilitates corruption.

More to follow. Don't go away!

Jai Hind

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MUDA's encroachment drive

Land worth Rs. 7.90 crore at Hinkal recovered

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&BCT)- In a swift operation aided by the Police, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has recovered 0.33 gunta land worth Rs. 7.90 crore in the present market value at Hinkal village yesterday morning.

The land comes in Survey Number 9, Mysuru Taluk Kasaba, Hinkal Hobli. In a press release, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has stated that the said land was acquired by MUDA and had distributed compensation to the land owners some time back. Yet, the land owners had re-occupied the land and had put up illegal sheds.

The encroachment had been brought to MUDA's notice and today at 6 am, the sheds were demolished and MUDA reclaimed the property.

Commissioner Natesh, Executive Engineers Panduranga and Sathyanarayana Joshi, Special Land Acquisition Officer Harshavardhan and Zonal Officers K.R. Mahesh, Bhaskar, Ravindrakumar, Ravishankar, Mohan, Nagesh and H.P. Shivanna and others were present.

MUDA momentarily desists from demolishing house on humanitarian grounds

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) stepped back from a demolition drive in city this morning. **Reason:** Presence of a COVID-recovered patient in an illegal structure.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh had issued a notice to his subordinate officers asking them to report at Kuvempunagar A and B Blocks near Double Tank at 5 am today for a demolition drive. The area is located in MUDA Zone 2 where structures were illegally built on the Government land. However, the demolition drive was postponed as the family staying in the illegal structure requested MUDA to put off the demolition due to the presence of a COVID-recovered patient in the house.

"The family had told us that they had just brought a COVID-recovered patient from the hospital and they would vacate the house within three days. In the present circumstances, it will not be possible for them to vacate the house," an officer told *Star of Mysore.*

MUDA considered the request on humanitarian grounds and did not go ahead with the demolition. "We have given time and if they do not vacate the structure within three days, we will demolish it," the officer said.

Social distancing goes for a toss...

Social distancing, one of the safety precautions issued by the Government to be taken to prevent the spread of the deadly virus, went for a toss this morning as people stood in a serpentine queue at Mysuru City Corporation Zonal Office near Akashavani Circle, to collect application forms for the allotment of Ashraya houses in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency. While social distancing was not maintained, a few were also seen without face mask.

EXCELSOFT wins Global Award

for Best Intl. Implementation

Mysuru, June 29- Mysuru-based Excelsoft Technologies, a thought leader in the education technology industry, has won the prestigious Annual International eAssessment Awards in the category of Best International Implementation.

D. Sudhanva
MD & CEO of Excelsoft

The 800 people company based out of Mysuru has won this award for the implementation of Saras, its home-grown eAssessment technology platform for one of its customers in Mexico.

"We customised Saras to build an innovative proctoring solution to deliver remote proctored exams across a low-bandwidth scenario ensuring integrity, security and auditability of key exams delivered across the Latin American country," said D. Sudhanva, MD & CEO of Excelsoft.

"Saras has been implemented for over 200 customers in 24 countries across the globe delivering over 5 million high-stakes assessments every year", he added.

The e-Assessment Association announced the winners of the Best International Implementation at its 5th International e-Assessment Awards ceremony held on June 22, 2021. It had received applications from organisations worldwide including test publishers, academic institutions, awarding organisations, researchers and technology providers, in all sectors of education: from schools, through further and higher education to workplace training and professional exams.

Excelsoft was also the finalist in the category of most innovative use of technology. Excelsoft's SmartEval, an intelligent evaluation framework with Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning support to screen, evaluate and rank job applications.

Holding SSLC exams is 'unscientific': BJP MLC

Mysuru, June 29 (RKB&SSV)- Terming the State Government's decision to hold SSLC examination next month as 'unscientific,' BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath has flayed Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar for not consulting health experts, academicians and leaders of Opposition parties before taking such a major decision.

A.H. Vishwanath

"I will appeal to CM Yediyurappa on behalf of students, parents and teachers to cancel SSLC examinations as life is more important than the examination. Will the State Government take responsibility in case something happens to students or teachers?" he said while addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning.

Vishwanath said that the World Health Organisation has warned of third wave of COVID-19, which according to experts will hit the children most. Already, there has been an increase in Delta Plus cases in a few districts. Under these circumstances, how far it was safe to hold SSLC examinations?

The Department of Education must protect the child's right but it seems to have forgotten its prime objective. Education Minister Suresh Kumar must tell how many students and teachers died after holding SSLC examinations last year, he added.

He said the decision to hold SSLC exams had not been brought to the notice of Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar. Union Government has cancelled CBSE exams and several States have cancelled SSLC examination, but the Government of Karnataka wants to conduct SSLC examination by putting the lives of students and teachers at risk. This shows that Suresh Kumar has compromised with the safety of students, who are writing examinations. The State Education Department may have taken preventive steps like one student in one bench, but will the virus not spread through breathing?, he asked.

Wear Mask, Take Vaccination:

DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham tells youths

Mysuru, June 29 (RKB&SSV)- Vaccination began for hundreds of students of various colleges in city this morning as part of a special drive launched by the State Government with a view to starting colleges soon.

At a function held at Sarada Vilas College, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that the district has 1,58,000 beneficiaries including students, teachers and support staff in a number of colleges and added that the Government has launched the special drive to give safe coverage to 18 plus beneficiaries from COVID-19 pandemic.

He said that vaccine does not provide 100 percent protection to people and they must continue to wear mask till the Government asks to stop it. Though, he has taken two doses of vaccine, he still wears it whenever he goes out and people must compulsorily wear mask in the interest of their family members. Any small negligence may prove costly, he warned.

The DC said that he has seen that most two-wheeler riders and pillion riders not wearing mask in City and this negligence was not accepted since COVID-19 pandemic was still active in the country and still taking toll of people showing negligence. "I appeal to my young friends to wear mask and take vaccination. You also tell your friends, family members and neighbours to wear mask and also take vaccination without delay. This is the only way to protect us from the pandemic," the DC added.

Earlier, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas said that he had conducted a special COVID testing and vaccination drive at all polling booths in his Constituency. "The pandemic has hit all sectors and more importantly, the education sector. Students have not been able to attend offline classes for the last one-and-a-half years. The State Government has plans to open all colleges after every student is vaccinated. The second wave of COVID-19 has made people to adapt to the new technology of attending classes online," he said.

Dr. M. Devika, Principal of the College said that there are around 1,000 students and some of them have already taken vaccine outside. Those who haven't taken will be vaccinated soon.

Similar vaccination drives were held in various colleges including MMK& SDM Women's First Grade College and Maharaja's College. MMK&SDM College Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemadu said that they have plans to vaccine all students before July 15 and students, who are vaccinated, can attend offline classes.

Cybercrime surges in city

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Gangs and individuals target people with fake job letters, KYC verification and fake social media profiles. During the lockdown, cyber criminals adopted new ways. People created fake government websites providing jobs to doctors and nurses for COVID patients.

Then there were people selling sanitisers, PPE kits and food on fake websites. Some hackers also gained access to bank accounts with KYC platforms. Also the QR code cheating through online resellers became rampant, said Police. Details of credit cards and debit cards are somehow extracted from the gullible and the bank balance is polished off, including life's savings and fixed deposits.

Enticements galore

A majority of the complaints were booked regarding financial frauds committed through various social media platforms including the most popular ones like WhatsApp and Facebook. Rewards are announced in the name of reputed companies and the people are asked to click particular links.

Entices like discount sales of automobiles, shoes, watches and also oxygen concentrators from multinational companies are published where persons are asked to click a particular link that leads to the fraud websites that look like the original company or bank websites. New ways and means are adopted to fool people.

Ingenuous *modus operandi*

Reimbursement of fake reward points or cashbacks of e-commerce giants, SOS messages for urgent cash through fake hacked Facebook accounts, customer care number manipulation, frauds in the guise of refund of train and airline tickets and other online payments are some of the ways criminals have adopted to dupe people, G. Shekhar, Cyber Crime Police Inspector, told *Star of Mysore*.

Shockingly, apart from hacking, identity theft and data theft, complaints have also been filed against online harassment, cases of extortion by morphing videos and photos of people, especially related to sexual conduct. Videos are shot online of people in a compromising position and later they are blackmailed for money, he added.

"There are cyber criminals promising certain online items or some of them influence customers to make certain online transactions. Only if there is no delivery happening later, people realise that they are being defrauded and by the time, damage is done. Also, fake profiles of Defence personnel are created and household expensive goods are offered at dirt-cheap rates as the Defence person has to move out of the city to join his family due to COVID," Shekhar added.

He attributed the spike in cybercrimes during the lockdown to the increase in online shopping as markets stayed shut. Many bogus websites were developed by fraudsters to take advantage of people who had increased their use of digital platforms for shopping, he explained.

MLA arranges vaccination for girl

MLA Ramdas directed Sarada Vilas College management to vaccinate a girl as her college has so far not held the free vaccination drive. K. Lingaraju, a resident of Siddarthanagar told the MLA that the college in which his daughter was studying had not conducted the drive yet, because of which, she has not taken the vaccine yet. Though he went to several colleges requesting the authorities concerned to vaccinate his daughter, the request was turned down. After giving a patient hearing to Lingaraju, Ramdas issued directions to vaccinate her as people can take vaccine at any place of their choice.

Kingpin arrested

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This was done in connivance with META-I firm's Rakesh. As per procedure, all the answer scripts must be handed over to the University custody along with the blank answer scripts of absentee students. Nissar manipulated this as he knew the loopholes or he might have links with certain authorities of the University in not reporting the actual answer scripts and the blank ones, suspect the Police.

Widened probe

The Police are probing the role of certain influential individuals from the University, Maharani's Science College and META-I firm who are allegedly involved in the racket and are hand-in-glove with the accused and students. The answer scripts in this case have reached the racketeers instead of reaching the strong room of the University. This would not be possible without the involvement of the Varsity employees, reason the Police.

The CCB Police are probing all angles into the racket and Mohammad Nissar's arrest is vital for the investigation. Even the role of suspended Mandi Policemen are being probed whether it is a dereliction of duty or have the Police committed a criminal act to hush up the case.

Meanwhile, the bail hearing of Inspector Narayanaswamy and two other cops is coming up before a Court today.

Bye bye 'COVID Mitras'... thanks for your service

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&SSV)- The District Administration is seriously considering closing down of 'COVID Mitra' Centres in a phased manner due to steady decline in Corona positive cases in the district.

When the Corona positive cases hit peak a two months ago, the then Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag came out with the novel idea of starting the 'COVID Mitra' Centres to check the spreading of pandemic.

Accordingly, the Centres were opened at Panchakarma Hi-Tech Ayurveda College, District COVID Hospital, Dattagalli, Vijayanagar 2nd and 3rd Stage, Beedi Workers' Hospital, Farooqia College, SMT Hospital and at 21 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the district.

In each Centre, each shift was managed by a doctor, nurse and four volunteers. They were receiving calls from patents and counselling them. This helped in the early detection, treatment of patients and brought down Case Positivity Rate (CPR). The number of patients coming to 'COVID Mitra' Centres has reduced considerably.

In the wake of this, the District Administration wants to close down the Centres one by one. Already, two Centres, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage and Dattagalli, have closed down. Some more will follow the suit in the coming days.

The staff working in those Centres will be deputed to COVID Hospital. The beds in most of the Hospitals are empty due to decline in Corona positive cases across the District, sources told *Star of Mysore*.

Rush rules City,

thanks to lockdown relaxation

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&SSV)- Consequent to extension of lockdown relaxation up to 2 pm with effect from yesterday (June 28), all the roads in city were filled with vehicles as people set out from their homes to buy essential commodities.

Thanks to steady decline in Corona positive cases, the State Government has extended relaxation, which was earlier from 6 am to 10 am, up to 2 pm to enable citizens to buy daily needs.

Accordingly, yesterday vehicles hit the streets. The Central Business District (CBD) was abuzz with activities with people flocking the shops to buy fruits, vegetables and groceries. The Cops had removed the metal barricades on most of the roads and were seen in relaxed mood with no intense checking of riders.

After a gap of one month, the factories resumed its activities with 50 percent employees and the garment factories with 20 percent workforce.

People hit the streets looking out for the vaccination centres to get the jab. Hotels and restaurants had a brisk business following permission for parcel service till evening.

The briefly halted construction activities resumed and the shops pertaining with this sector were opened. Traffic was heavy on most of the main roads in city especially in CBD areas.

Doctors, staff of SMT COVID Care Centre felicitated

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&SSV)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev felicitated doctors and medical staff of Seth Mohandas Tulasidas (SMT) COVID Care Centre in recognition of their services to Corona Positive patients. At a function held here yesterday, the Chairman honoured them for working during the emergency without bothering about their life.

The Hospital Staff also worked on par with doctors by providing food to needy patients. He also thanked Cauvery Hospital management for joining hands with the MUDA for helping in setting up of 110 oxygenated beds at a time when the district faced acute shortage of beds.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Members G. Lingaiah and Lakshmidevi, City Planning Member Jayasimha, Secretary M.K. Savitha, Cauvery Hospital Head Dr. Chandrashekar, Dr. Bharghav and others were present on the occasion.

COVID-19 guidelines violation

306 vehicles seized; Rs. 1,33,150 fine collected in 709 cases

Mysuru, June 29 (KS)- Mysuru City Police, who are making all efforts to prevent the spread of Coronavirus by strictly enforcing the COVID guidelines, have seized a total of 306 vehicles, which were found moving unnecessarily by violating the guidelines.

The Police have also registered a total of 709 cases against those who were not wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing and have collected a total of Rs. 1,33,150 as spot fines from them yesterday.

Among the seized vehicles are 258 two-wheelers, 41 cars, one auto and six other vehicles.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that such special drives will continue in city and has urged the public to follow safety guidelines such as wearing face mask and maintain social distancing among others for their safety and also to prevent the virus from spreading.

Cong. urges Govt. to set up exclusive

COVID Hospital for Children in every district

Mysuru, June 29 (PM&SSV)- Mysuru City (District) Congress Publicity Committee held a postcard protest here yesterday urging the State Government to set up a separate hospital for children in the wake of reports of third wave of COVID pandemic and waive two months electricity bill of domestic consumers.

This protest was held inside the premises of CADA office. The children, Tanmayi, Yashaswi and Hrithwik put the postcards addressed to CM B.S. Yediyurappa inside the post box.

Holds postcard PROTEST

The agitators wanted the CM to start the Children's Hospitals in all districts and to vaccinate the kids. They also urged the Government to waive two months power bill of domestic consumers due to lockdown.

The Congress leaders said that the life of citizens has become worst due to sharp rise in the prices of fuel and the edible oils. More than COVID pandemic, the Government taxes were haunting people. In 2012, the then Congress-led UPA Government administered the Polio vaccine free to all kids without any registration, publicity or rush. The State and the Union Governments must take steps to vaccinate the kids against COVID at the earliest, they added.

In-Charge Mayor Anwar Baig, Publicity Committee Chairman M.K. Ashok, Committee Members Chowhalli Puttaswamy, Lokanath Gowda, P. Kumar Gowda, Sanjay Gowda were present.

No buses to Kodagu district till July 5

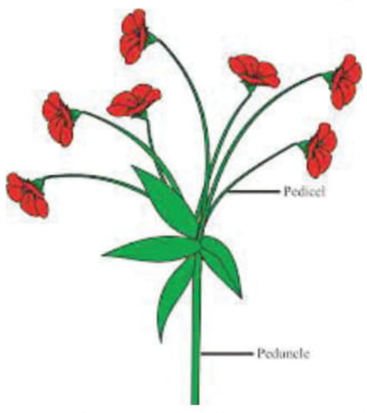
Madikeri, June 29 (SSV)- The KSRTC bus service will not be available to Kodagu district in the wake of extension of lockdown till July 5.

The District Administration of Kodagu has imposed restriction on the entry of State Transport Corporation buses from other districts. On Monday, the bus service to Kodagu district remained suspended.

Buses were operated till Koppa, the border village on Mysuru-Kodagu district and a few passengers travelled in them.

WORD OF THE DAY

Peduncle



Pronunciation: pi-duhng-kuhl, pee-duhng-
Meaning: A flower stalk, supporting either a cluster or a solitary flower.
Origin: The English noun peduncle is a technical term in the biological sciences, meaning "a stalk, flower stalk, stem." Peduncle comes from New Latin pedunculus, with the same meanings, a derivative of Latin pēs (inflectional stem ped-) "foot" and the suffix –unculus, a variant of –culus, used to form diminutives. Latin pēs, ped– comes from the very widespread Proto-Indo-European root ped-, pod-, pēd-, pōd "foot." The variant pōd– regularly becomes fōt– in Proto-Germanic, fōtus in Gothic, fōtr in Old Icelandic, fōt in Old English, and foot in English. The variant pod– becomes pous (stem pod-) "foot" in Greek, and the preposition pod "under" in Slavic. The Latin suffix –unculus is uncommon, but it also appears in Latin homunculus "human being, mere human being (as opposed to preternatural or supernatural beings or forces)," English homunculus. Peduncle entered English in the early 18th century.
Example: A member of the iris family, the marica is sometimes known as walking iris because of the way it produces young plants from drooping peduncles (flower stalks). —EDITH SAYLOR ABBOTT, "APOSTLE PLANT," NEW YORK TIMES, JANUARY 18, 1959.

THE ODD WORD

Palfrenier

Groom.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Run like the wind

Meaning: The phrase 'Run Like the Wind' means to run very fast.
Origin: No one is really certain of the origin of the idiom 'run like the wind,' but what is known is that early horse racing fans urged their favourites to run like the wind. Considering that, during the days before mechanised vehicles, horses and other animals could only be outrun by the wind, this charming, old-fashioned expression makes sense.
Example: "She's very slight in build and she can run like the wind."

QUOTE BOX

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. **—Teddy Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

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Answer :Calm down.

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8	9	1	6	4	2	5	7	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

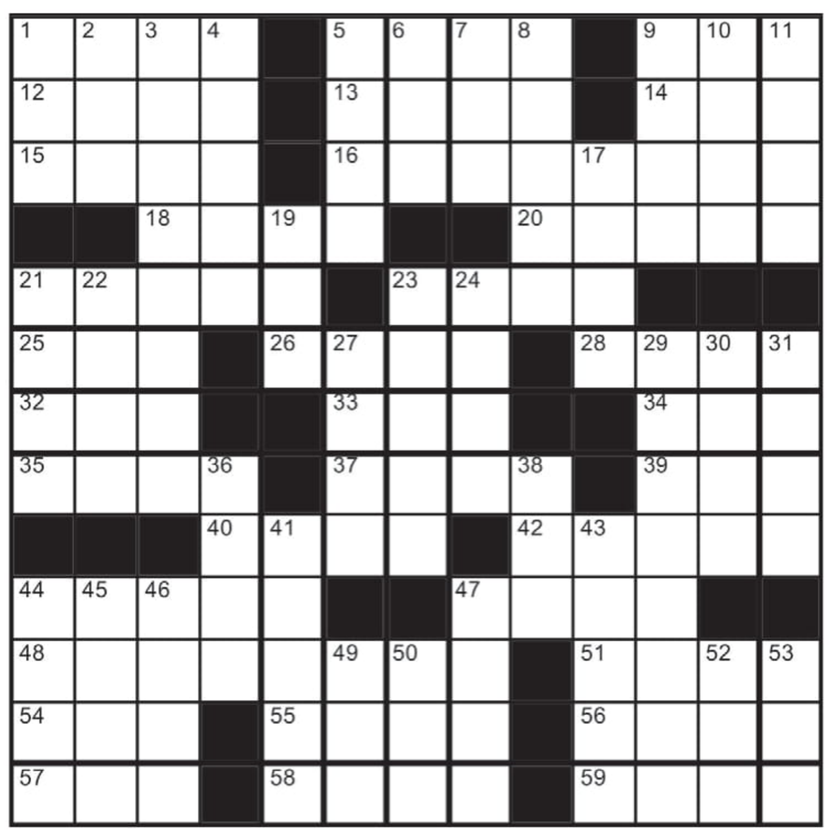
1 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
5 Kitchen boss
9 Lettuce variety
12 Palindromic pop quartet
13 Approximately or roughly (2,2)
14 Le Dernier ___ : the last word (Fr.)
15 ___ on the same tune : be tediously repetitive?
16 Chaining or bridling
18 Popular fertilizer
20 Alliance
21 Savoury jelly
23 Church recess
25 Corpulent
26 Shield or heraldic border
28 U2 guitarist
32 Old English measure or the right-angled letter?
33 Uber competitor
34 ___ Arun : Bollywood singer?
35 Manners or modes
37 Capital of Azerbaijan
39 Fruit kernel
40 Comfortable
42 Plant parts
44 Porticoes
47 Chest muscles
48 Shah Jahan's great mausoleum? (3,5)
51 ___ along : follows more as an extra?
54 "Like" suffix
55 Rahu Aur __
56 Female relative
57 Natal or Jo'burg locale
58 Particle
59 ___ out : dismiss with ignominy?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

W	O	L	F	■	G	L	I	B	■	W	E	D
A	M	O	R	■	R	E	A	R	■	A	V	A
S	A	G	E	■	A	F	F	E	C	T	E	D
P	R	O	T	E	C	T	■	E	O	E	■	■
■	■	■	S	E	E	■	A	Z	O	R	E	S
R	U	R	A	L	■	F	O	E	■	I	L	A
A	F	E	W	■	S	I	N	■	G	N	A	W
B	O	T	■	D	O	G	■	S	I	G	N	S
I	S	R	A	E	L	■	F	O	R	■	■	■
■	■	I	R	C	■	D	E	B	A	C	L	E
S	P	E	C	I	M	E	N	■	F	O	R	D
D	I	V	■	D	I	S	C	■	F	L	O	G
U	A	E	■	E	R	I	E	■	E	E	N	Y

DOWN

1 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
2 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
3 Suddenly
4 Italian isle
5 Andean shrub
6 Monarchical letters
7 Opp. of WNW
8 Concentration
9 202 in Roman numerals
10 Yes __ __ : please give the answer? (2,2)
11 Indication
17 Major leg joint
19 Green prefix?
21 Give me _ __ : give me some? (1,3)
22 Hacienda room - "alas" anagram?
23 Mitigate, ease or calm
24 Pinnacle
27 Pilfers
29 A large phehistoric animal
30 Surfeit or excess
31 Consumes
36 Fraudulent business scheme
38 Abstract noun suffix
41 City in Japan
43 Set of eight
44 Whisk
45 USSR news source, once
46 Left arm spinner Pragyan ____
47 A stone fruit
49 ___ up : excited or overwrought?
50 Start of a vol. 1 heading
52 Wildebeest
53 Seminary deg.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YT ZQX MPYJF ZQX ESJ UYJ, ZQX ESJ UYJ.

TSYMP YG JLELGGSCZ MQ WYEMQCZ

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: : Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had.

India Skipper Mithali Raj sets World Record for Longest Career in Cricket

New Delhi, June 29- Indian women's cricket team Captain Mithali Raj has completed an inspiring feat of the span of her cricketing career which runs longer than 22 years.

What is more admirable about the achievement is that no one comes close to her in terms of the duration of career. When compared to men's cricket, only Sachin Tendulkar was able to cross the 22-year mark.

India women's cricket team is currently taking part in a triple-header ODI and T20 series against England. England won the first ODI by eight wickets, but there were some positives for the Indian team to take away.

First was Mithali Raj reaching an impressive milestone of 22 years in her cricket career. While the second, which went a bit under the sheets was Shafali Verma's debut in the match. She is now the youngest woman ever to play an ODI at the age of 17 years.

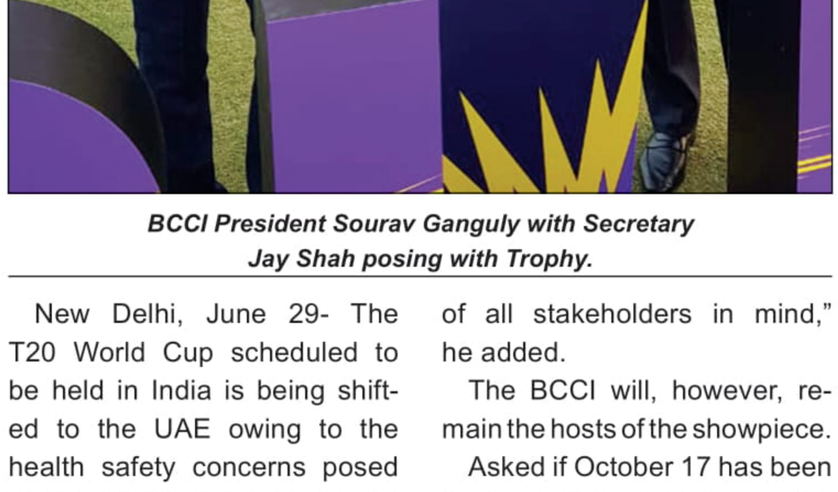
Mithali Raj, who hails from Hyderabad, made her debut in international cricket on 26 June 1999. Not many people can enter Mithali's league. But there is a certain Sachin Tendulkar who can.

The Indian men's cricket icon and poster boy for several years played a whopping 463 matches in his ODI career spanning 22 years 91 days. He also holds the record for scoring the most runs in international cricket.

Mithali Raj has played 215 matches in an ODI career spanning 22 years and 91 days. She also holds the world record for the most runs in women's ODI cricket.

Thus, it's safe to say that Mithali Raj has some good company.

T20 World Cup to be shifted from India to UAE: BCCI Chief



BCCI President Sourav Ganguly with Secretary Jay Shah posing with Trophy.

New Delhi, June 29- The T20 World Cup scheduled to be held in India is being shifted to the UAE owing to the health safety concerns posed by COVID-19, BCCI President Sourav Ganguly told yesterday, ending weeks of speculation surrounding the mega-event in October-November.

"We have officially intimated the ICC that the T20 World Cup can be shifted to the United Arab Emirates. The details are being chalked out," Ganguly said. "The decision was taken keeping health safety concerns of all stakeholders in mind," he added.

The BCCI will, however, remain the hosts of the showpiece.

Asked if October 17 has been finalised as the start date of the tournament, Ganguly said: "We will be able to finalise itinerary details in some days. October 17 start hasn't yet been finalised."

Even an ICC spokesperson confirmed that the global body is yet to zero in on a final schedule.

The ICC, at the start of the month, had given BCCI a four-week window to decide and inform whether India could host the marquee event considering the COVID-19 situation in the country.

This was after the pandemic forced the postponement of IPL, the second part of which is also being held in the UAE in September-October. It was a foregone conclusion that India will find it difficult to host a 16-country tournament across nine cities with so many layers of health security concerns being there.

In fact, the ICC had already started its preparations and logistics for the tournament which will be held in Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi.

The qualifying round could be held in Muscat, which will give ideal time to the pitches in UAE to freshen up after 31 remaining games of IPL are held till October 15.

Once the IPL was shifted to the UAE, it was a foregone conclusion that the T20 World Cup will move too given the looming concerns about a possible third wave of COVID-19 infection around that time.

India was ravaged by the second wave in April-May with scarcity of essential medical supplies adding to the horror that unfolded with over 4 lakh daily cases at the peak of the crisis.

The Indian team, with its T20 players, will reach Dubai from Manchester on September 15 aboard a charter flight to play in the IPL.

It will be based in the country for close to two months till the second week of November when the T20 World Cup ends.

Anushka Sharma's maternity outfits up for sale, proceeds to aid charitable cause

New Delhi, June 29- Anushka Sharma's maternity wardrobe became an object of admiration and envy for many. And now, she is all set to venture into circular fashion by her maternity outfits on sale. For the actor and producer, it's an important step towards sustainability as pre-loved clothing has positive ramifications on the environment.

Talking about raising awareness about an area of life through which each of us can have a huge positive impact through a small behavioural change and embracing circular fashion, Sharma says, "During my pregnancy, I realised that this transient time is perfect to participate in the circular fashion economy. These are pieces we will wear for a few months, so when I learned more about the resources that go into making them, I thought it was crucial to build an ecosystem through which we can share our clothes and buy from each other."

She adds, "For instance, if even just 1% of pregnant women in urban India bought 1 piece of maternity clothing pre-loved over newly manufactured, each year we can conservatively save about as much water as a person drinks in over 200 years. I'm a big believer in sharing and I'm excited to see who's next to make these pieces their own."

Anushka Sharma will be sharing her maternity pieces for an online sale and proceeds will support maternal health through SNEHA. The pieces will be available on social enterprise Dolce Vee's website at SaltScout.com/DolceVee/AnushkaSharma.

On a related note, she forayed into fashion in 2007 when she launched a clothing line named Nush to make fashion accessible. The actress gave birth to daughter Vamika, her first child with Virat Kohli, in January this year.

K-CET 2021 Mock Test Series

Mysuru, June 29- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, is conducting Mock Test Series of K-CET 2021 from June 30 for Engineering aspirants. Candidates can take up the mock tests online through the official website *https://www.nie.ac.in.*

Mock tests will be of 70 minutes each in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. Candidates can take up the test in their convenient time from tomorrow.

Tests will also have the facility of navigation through questions and sections. Once the answers are submitted, candidates will be able to view their score and correct answers. PU students can utilise this free online mock test which will help them to understand the Karnataka CET paper pattern and also to know their preparation levels. For details contact Dr. Chandra (Physics) on Mob: 9980209605; *chandru@nie.ac.in;* Dr. B.M. Sankarshan on Mob: 9535051930; *sankarshanbm@nie.ac.in;* Dr. V. Lakshmi Ranganatha (Chemistry) on Mob: 9880680493; *lranganath.v@nie.ac.in;* Dr. K.S. Nithin (Chemistry) on Mob: 9845473183; *nithinks@nie.ac.in;* Dr.Shivarajkumar (Mathematics) on Mob: 9731854570; *shivarajmacs@nie.ac.in* or Dr. Shubha Nagaraj (Mathematics) on Mob: 9902634479; *shubhanagaraj@nie.ac.in.*

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